

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 417

HOUSE BILL NO. 1105

By Representatives John DeBerry, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1769

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-126, relative to representation of adults in juvenile court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-126(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2)

(A) An adult is entitled to representation by legal counsel at all stages of any proceeding under this part in proceedings involving:

(i) Child abuse prosecutions pursuant to §§ 37-1-412 and 39-15-401;

(ii) Contributing to the delinquency or unruly behavior of a child pursuant to § 37-1-156 or contributing to the dependency and neglect of a child pursuant to § 37-1-157;

(iii) Violation of compulsory school attendance pursuant to §§ 49-6-3007 and 49-6-3009; or

(iv) Criminal contempt.

(B) A parent is entitled to representation by legal counsel at all stages of any proceeding under this part in proceedings involving:

(i) Abuse, dependency or neglect pursuant to § 37-1-102;
or

(ii) Termination of parental rights pursuant to § 36-1-113.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 1, 2009

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2009

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR